

CHAPTER 2 POPULATION, HOUSING AND EDUCATION

What is the population? Manistee County's population is growing and changing, as is all of Northwest Lower Michigan. Northwest Lower Michigan is defined as the ten adjacent counties of Emmet, Charlevoix, Antrim, Kalkaska, Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Benzie, Manistee, Wexford and Missaukee.

The table on the next page shows a growth rate of over 15 percent between 1990 and 2000, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. In fact, several townships within the county experienced growth rates of over 20 percent and a few approaching 50 percent. This new growth is a result of people moving into the county. The top growing areas within the county are Springdale Township at 46.6 percent, Pleasanton Township at 42.6 percent and Norman Township at 41 percent.

This new growth will result in an increase in housing units and new demands for public services and infrastructure maintenance and improvements. New jobs, changes in spending patterns, and an increase in the tax base will also follow.

Balancing the impacts of an increase in population while protecting and preserving the quality of life for the people who live, work, and play in Manistee County will be an important responsibility for area residents through their units of government, and is a major purpose of this plan.

In summary, we have learned that the county population will increase in the next twenty years. Additionally, the population increase will be in new people moving in to the county, and at an older age than the county would experience if birth rates were keeping pace with death rates. Therefore, the overall age of the county population is expected to increase.



M-55 near Manistee/Wexford County Line

Population Change – 1990 to 2000

Unit of Government	1990 Census	2000 Census	Percent Change	2005 Estimate	2000-2005 Change
Arcadia Twp	553	621	12.3%	633	12
Bear Lake Twp	1,419	1,587	11.8%	1,642	55
Brown Twp	588	712	21.1%	730	18
Cleon Twp	713	932	30.7%	975	43
Dickson Twp	735	929	26.4%	989	60
Filer Charter Twp	1,966	2,208	12.3%	2,234	26
Manistee Twp	2,952	3,764	17.5%	4,006	242
Maple Grove Twp	1,123	1,285	14.4%	1,287	2
Marilla Twp	268	362	35.1%	389	27
Norman Twp	1,189	1,676	41.0%	1,694	18
Onkama Twp	1,266	1,514	19.6%	1,521	7
Pleasanton Twp	573	817	42.6%	828	11
Springdale Twp	498	730	46.6%	793	63
Stronach Twp	688	804	16.9%	849	45
Bear Lake V.	339	318	-6.2%	331	13
Copemish V.	222	232	4.5%	226	-6
East Lake V.	473	441	-6.8%	569	128
Kaleva V.	484	509	5.2%	502	-7
Manistee City	6,734	6,586	-2.2%	6,656	70
Onkama V.	515	647	25.6%	634	-13
County Totals	21,265	24,527	15.6%	25,226	699

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. Williams Consulting Services

Note: Village totals are included in township totals

Includes inmates at the Oaks Correctional Facility

Population Density: The map on the next page shows a generalized overall picture of population density within the county. While we know that Springdale, Pleasanton and Norman Townships experienced the most numerical growth between 1990 and 2000, their relative population density remains much lower than the City of Manistee and other more populated areas of the County.

Map of Population Density of Manistee County, 2000

What does the future population look like?

While examination of current population trends is important, a look into the future of population characteristics is very important to the Manistee County Master Plan. The size and detailed characteristics of the future population will largely govern how the county can respond to changes in the wider world of Northwest Michigan, the state and the nation.

Forecasted Total Population of Manistee County by Age, 2005 – 2030

	Year				Percent Change		
	2005	2010	2020	2030	2000-2010	2010-2020	2020-2030
Total Population	25,667*	26,145	27,123	27,822	6.2%	3.7%	2.6%
Age 0 to 4 years	1,344	1,338	1,371	1,285	2.0%	2.5%	-6.3%
Age 5 to 15 years	3,433	3,286	3,228	3,204	-7.2%	-1.8%	-0.7%
Age 16 to 17 years	723	630	610	623	-3.1%	-3.2%	2.1%
Age 18 to 24 years	2,138	2,218	1,944	1,883	20.8%	-12.4%	-3.1%
Age 25 to 34 years	2,853	2,956	3,140	2,829	4.0%	6.2%	-9.9%
Age 35 to 44 years	3,964	3,770	3,765	3,933	-4.4%	-0.1%	4.5%
Age 45 to 54 years	3,772	3,994	3,791	3,793	16.0%	-5.1%	0.1%
Age 55 to 64 years	2,987	3,329	3,839	3,666	26.9%	15.3%	-4.5%
Age 65 to 74 years	2,270	2,310	2,958	3,456	-3.7%	28.1%	16.8%
Age 75 to 84 years	1,592	1,669	1,688	2,239	13.5%	1.1%	32.6%
Age 85 and older	591	645	789	911	16.2%	22.3%	15.5%

Source: "Economic & Demographic Outlook for Michigan and Its Counties to the Year 2030," prepared for the Statewide Model Unit, Bureau of Transportation Planning, Michigan Department of Transportation, by the Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations, University of Michigan, July 2003.

* Recent population analysis by the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments puts the 2005 population of Manistee County at 25,226.

Observations about Manistee's Future Population

- Manistee County's total population is expected to grow over the next 25 years. The current growth rate is expected to continue at least through the year 2010.
- Manistee County's median age is expected to rise in the coming decades due to an increase of those aged 55 years and older. These new residents bring with them financial resources they have accumulated in their working life, and also many skills useful to new businesses and community activities. Growth in younger age groups is also needed to provide support for the excellent education system.
- From 2010-2020, the age demographic 65-74 in Manistee County is expected to show the largest gains in terms of percentage and numbers in Manistee County.



Ball Diamond at East Lake

Recreational opportunities are an important element in providing a healthful living environment for the citizens of the county.

What about housing? In addition to population, the characteristics of housing are very important to understand in order to plan effectively for the future needs of residents of the county.

Housing numbers will continue to increase and persons per household will continue to go down, as seen in Northwest Michigan, the State of Michigan and the nation. There will be an increased need for housing in the county, and at a rate greater than the predicted population increase.

Owner and Renter-Occupied Housing in Manistee County, 2000

Geographic Area	Total Housing Units	Owner-Occupied Housing Units		Renter-Occupied Housing Units	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Manistee County	14,272	8,012	81.3	1,848	18.7
Arcadia Township	545	248	88.6	32	11.4
Bear Lake Township	916	560	87.6	79	12.4
Bear Lake Village	161	104	78.8	28	21.2
Brown Township	379	252	91.0	25	9.0
Cleon Township	478	300	85.5	51	14.5
Copemish Village	105	67	78.8	18	21.2
Dickson Township	660	324	89.0	40	11.0
Filer Charter Twp	996	806	91.0	80	9.0
Manistee City	3,426	1,882	64.6	1,030	35.4
Manistee Township	1,391	1,076	90.6	112	9.4
Eastlake Village	209	171	90.5	18	9.5
Maple Grove Twp	771	438	84.2	82	15.8
Kaleva Village	251	160	75.5	52	24.5
Marilla Township	222	138	95.8	6	4.2
Norman Township	1,632	577	84.7	104	15.3
Onekama Township	1,117	502	83.3	101	16.7
Onekama Village	315	181	75.7	58	24.3
Pleasanton Twp	623	313	91.0	31	9.0
Springdale Twp	567	284	87.7	40	12.3
Stronach Township	549	312	89.9	35	10.1

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000.

Number and Size of Households

Manistee County's household size has decreased from 1970-2000 from 3.1 in 1970 to 2.37 in 2000, while the overall number of households has increased by nearly 15%.

Manistee County Households, 1970-2000

	1970	1980	1970-1980 Percent Change	1990	1980-1990 Percent Change	2000	1990-2000 Percent Change
Number of households	6,471	8,490	31.20%	8,580	1.06%	9,860	14.92%
Persons per household	3.1	2.68	-13.55%	2.45	-8.47%	2.37	-3.29%
Married couple families --as percent of total households	4,528	5,559	22.77%	5,088	-8.47%	5,428	6.68%
	69.97%	65.48%	-6.43%	59.30%	-9.43%	55.05%	-7.17%

Source: U.S Census Bureau, 100% Data



Housing Types in Manistee County

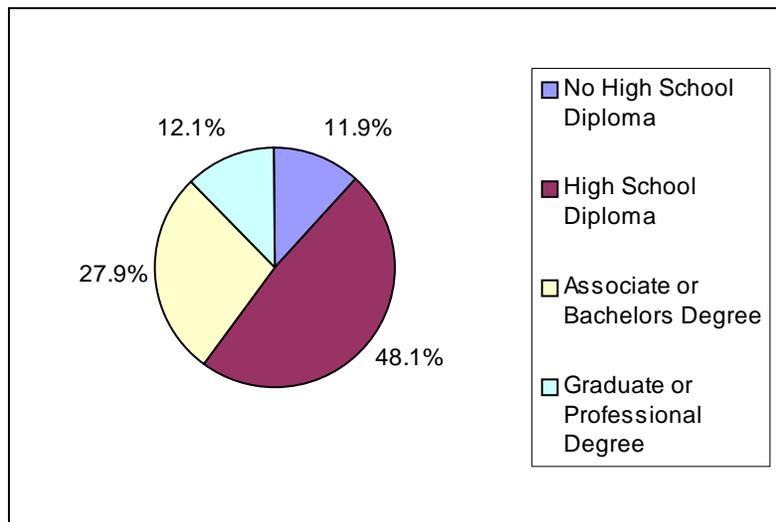
EDUCATION

Manistee County is very fortunate to have an excellent educational system with a high graduation rate. All public schools in the county have passed the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP), which meets federal AYP (Annual Yearly Progress) educational requirements. Many high school graduates go on to earn four-year degrees but do not return to the area because of lack of job opportunities.

In addition, West Shore Community College provides excellent vocational education programs and is quick to respond to community needs for specialized training for new business and industry needs. Additionally, the college operates an off-campus program at West Shore Medical Center, Manistee.

As the nation's economy becomes increasingly more reliant on knowledge-based jobs and technical workers, there will be an increased need for more highly educated workers. In Northwest Lower Michigan, 40% of the incoming population between 1995 and 2000 had an associate degree or higher.

Percentage of Incoming Population by Educational Attainment, Northwest Lower Michigan 1995—2000



Source: U.S. Census Bureau. PUMA Area 00400 and 01600. 2000.

Questions? For more detailed information about population, housing and education in Manistee County please refer to the “Manistee County Master Plan Resource Book” published August 2005 by the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments.